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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months from 24 March 2005,

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Expresses concern* about the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

2. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

[1] A/59/756 and Corr.1 and 2.
[2] A/59/768.

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3. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

4. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

6. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

7. *Notes* that the General Assembly has never pronounced itself on the use of assessed peacekeeping contributions for the purposes stated in paragraph 15 of the report of the Advisory Committee,[2] and decides to revert to this issue in the context of its consideration of item 123 entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations" during the second part of its resumed fifty-ninth session in light of the additional information to be provided thereon by the Secretary-General;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2005

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the purpose of accounting for the income received and expenditure incurred in respect of the Mission;

11. *Also authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2005, in a total amount not exceeding 595,498,500 United States dollars for the initial establishment of the Mission, comprising the amount of 279,501,300 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 99,999,400 dollars previously authorized by the Advisory Committee, for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the amount of 315,997,200 dollars for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005, under the terms of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994;

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12. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the total amount of 497,873,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 23 September 2005, comprising the amount of 279,501,300 dollars for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 and the amount of 218,372,000 dollars for the period from 1 July to 23 September 2005, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of

23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 and 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

13. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,635,000 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, and 2,042,500 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 23 September 2005;

14. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 97,625,200 dollars for the period from 24 September to 31 October 2005, at a monthly rate of 78,999,300 dollars, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 12 above, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

15. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 14 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 913,100 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 24 September to 31 October 2005;

16. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

17. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

18. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

19. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".